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**PATENT APPLICATION
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP ART UNIT 3639**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q64919

Kyoko KIMPARA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/880,045

Group Art Unit: 3639

Confirmation No.: 5944

Examiner: Igor N. BORISSOV

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For: CONTENTS CONVERSION FEE CHARGING SYSTEM, CONTENTS CONVERSION
FEE CHARGING METHOD AND STORAGE MEDIUM STORING PROGRAM FOR
CONTROLLING SAME

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 28, 2006, please consider the following
remarks.

Claims 3-7 and 9 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The
Examiner states that the preamble of the claim recites both a storage medium and a system, and it
not clear what the claim is directed to. Applicants respectfully submit again that the claim is
directed to a storage medium storing a control program. As understood by the preamble, the
program causes a computer to implement functions of a contents conversion fee charging system.